

RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2006-08
(Amending Administrative Order 1996-12)

RE: DISCOVERY IN JUVENILE MATTERS AND RETENTION OF EXHIBITS AND
TRANSCRIPTS

In order to address the increase in case filings and to reduce the flow of paperwork through the Juvenile and Domestic Clerks' offices, it is ordered as follows:

1. For all juvenile cases:

Discovery requests shall be transmitted between counsel or between the parties where no entry of appearance has been filed and shall not be filed with the clerk of the court. Responses to requests for discovery shall be transmitted between counsel or parties where no entry of appearance has been filed and shall not be filed with the clerk of the court. If such matters become the subject of litigation, as in a motion to compel, counsel shall file with the court copies of the request for discovery and the response, if any, thereto with the motion to compel discovery.

2. For all domestic and juvenile cases:

In any proceeding in Family Court, exhibits offered in evidence shall be placed in the custody of the clerk of the court. The clerk shall retain custody of the exhibits until a judgment has been entered and the time for filing notice of an appeal has elapsed, or if notice of an appeal is filed, the appeal has been finally determined. If an appeal is taken, the clerk shall make any disposition of the exhibits required by the appeal. After the time for filing notice of an appeal has elapsed, or if an appeal has been taken, the appeal has been finally determined, exhibits and transcripts shall be removed from the clerk's office within 30 days by the attorney(s) of record and if not removed within the aforesaid period, the clerk may destroy or otherwise dispose of them.

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JEREMIAH S. JEREMIAH, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE